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# Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

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| Application Number     | 10/064,605       |
| Filing Date            | 7/30/02          |
| First Named Inventor   | RONALD S. BUNKER |
| Group Art Unit         | 1745             |
| Examiner Name          | R. ALEJANDRO     |
| Attorney Docket Number | 124626-1         |

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

NOTE: 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53 (d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See Changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

## 1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

a.  Previously submitted

- Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116 previously filed on 07/29/04  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.)
- Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

b.  Enclosed

- Amendment/Reply
- Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
- Other Request for telephone interview prior to first office Action

## 2. Miscellaneous

a.  Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months: Fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(l) required)

b.  Other \_\_\_\_\_

## 3. Fees

The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17 (e) is required by 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 when the RCE is filed.

a.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 07-0868.

- RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(e)
- Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17)
- Other \_\_\_\_\_

b.  Check in the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ enclosed.

c.  Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

## SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY, OR AGENT REQUIRED

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**REQUEST FOR TELEPHONE INTERVIEW PRIOR TO FIRST OFFICE ACTION FOR THE RCE**

In response to the Advisory Action dated 5 August 2004, Applicant is filing a Request for Continuing Examination and is respectfully requesting a telephone interview prior to preparation of a first office action for RCE.

More specifically, Applicant, acting through the undersigned representative and the inventor, is requesting a telephone interview with the Examiner so that applicants can better understand the Examiner's interpretation of Wu et al. US2002/0026999.

The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned representative to arrange a time at which the representative and the inventor can telephone the Examiner for the interview.

Respectfully submitted,

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